

FCC Commissioners:

Please carefully consider your decision regarding broadcast ownership.

As major corporations buy radio and television stations nationally and locally, the diversity in programming seems to have dwindled. There seems to be little, if any, regional or local programming coming from smaller to medium sized markets. It still amazes me I can hear a jock on a radio station in Indiana, then travel to a southern state and hear the same one. How does that promote a local flavor? I'm not sure how a listener can connect the same way when they're in Indiana, and the dj is in Denver.

News becomes rather generic with limited ownership. Although we would like to believe that all reported news is unbiased, we also know that there is a certain spin put on stories. What may be important in one area of the country, may have no importance elsewhere. Local programmers should make that decision, not somebody from the corporate office 2000 miles away.

As a radio and video instructor, a former broadcast employee, and a graduate from a 4-year broadcasting program, it has always been my dream to own my own radio station. With corporations buying up broadcast entities in even small markets, the price of stations has grown exorbitant, and my dreams of owning diminished.

Please carefully consider the industry as a whole when making your decision in this matter. Keep in mind the listeners that want diverse, local programming, not something the corporate office decides is important.

Thank you.

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